



URS Rollout at a Glance

Because of the number of systems and organizations impacted, URS requirements will be rolled out in a phased approach to best allow for the smooth transition from current systems.

WHAT	WHEN	WHO
Use of the online registration application for first-time applicants	12/12/15	First-time applicants
Use of the online registration application for all reasons to file	9/30/16	New and existing entities
USDOT Number as sole identifier (discontinue issuing all other docket numbers – except distinct CT numbers for cargo tank facility registration)	9/30/16	New and existing entities
New Fee Schedule	9/30/16	New registrants and existing registered users requesting a new type of registration
Evidence of Financial Responsibility (Insurance Filings and Surety Bonds/Trust)	9/30/16	New Private HM and Exempt For-Hire Carriers Existing Private HM and Exempt For-Hire Carriers must provide, but no enforcement until December 31, 2016
Process Agent Designation (BOC-3)	9/30/16	New Private and Exempt For-Hire Carriers All Existing motor carriers, brokers and freight forwarders must provide, but no enforcement until December 31, 2016
Evidence of Financial Responsibility (Insurance Filings and Surety Bonds/Trust)	12/31/16	Existing Private HM and Exempt For-Hire Carriers must have on file
Process Agent Designation (BOC-3)	12/31/16	Existing Motor Carriers, Freight Forwarders and Brokers must have on file



MORE INFORMATION

URS	RESOURCES
URS Website	http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/urs
FMCSA Portal Account Request	http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/urs
Financial Responsibility Requirements for Private HM and Exempt For-Hire Carriers	https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/insurance-requirements
Process Agent Designation	https://fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/process-agents
Ask a Question or Contact FMCSA	http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/ask

For more information about the Unified Registration System, visit <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/urs>, view Frequently Asked Questions, or call a Customer Service Representative at 1-800-832-5660.

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Understanding the UNIFIED REGISTRATION SYSTEM (URS)

Important Facts for Motor Carriers, Brokers, and Freight Forwarders





WHAT

The Unified Registration System (URS) is a **single online registration system**. URS replaces multiple forms and the registration functions of several systems — such as the Licensing and Insurance System (L&I) and Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) — that businesses use **to register and update their information** with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

WHY

URS helps raise the safety bar while improving efficiency through:

- Simplified processes and elimination of multiple forms.
- Reduced paperwork and errors.
- Electronic screening of all applications to identify high-risk carriers, including potential reincarnated carriers.

WHO

The URS rule applies to all interstate motor carriers (including private and for-hire passenger and property motor carriers), freight forwarders, brokers, intermodal equipment providers (IEPs), hazardous materials safety permit (HMSP) applicants/holders, and cargo tank manufacturing and repair facilities under FMCSA's jurisdiction. Mexican-domiciled carriers conducting long-haul operations are exempt.

WHEN

URS is being implemented through December 2016. **See the URS Rollout at a Glance chart for details.** Key dates include:

URS	KEY DATES
12/12/15	First-time applicants must use URS
9/30/16	All applicants begin using URS for all registrations and changes, and changes take effect for USDOT numbers, the new fee schedule, evidence of financial responsibility, and process agent designation
12/31/16	Enforcement begins for existing registrants for evidence of financial responsibility and process agent designation

HOW MUCH

After **September 30, 2016**

URS	COSTS/FEEES
	FMCSA charges no fees for biennial updates or name/address/form of business changes
	FMCSA charges \$300 per registration type (including safety registration) for new applicants (including private motor carriers) and businesses whose USDOT Registrations (including safety and/or operating authority) have been revoked
	A \$300 fee will also be charged to businesses with existing registrations when they request an additional registration type
	FMCSA charges an additional \$10 reinstatement fee per request for suspended registrations

WHAT'S CHANGING FOR YOU

- When fully implemented, everyone subject to the URS rule **will use the online application to register and update their information** with FMCSA.
- **All businesses subject to the rule must have a FMCSA portal account before September 30, 2016.** Visit <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/urs>. The portal provides instructions and support for obtaining an account.
- **The USDOT number will become the sole identifier.** MC, FF, MX and other FMCSA-assigned numbers will no longer be issued, and FMCSA will no longer accept them as references for filings or other matters. FMCSA will issue numbers to registered businesses without a USDOT number (e.g., small motor carriers, freight forwarders, and brokers) before **September 30, 2016**.
- **New and existing hazardous materials motor carriers and exempt for-hire carriers must provide financial responsibility (insurance) filings** beginning **September 30, 2016** (there is a grace period for existing hazardous materials motor carriers and exempt-for-hire carriers, with enforcement deferred until **December 31, 2016**).
- **Beginning September 30, 2016, all new applicants must select a process agent to file the Form BOC-3** on their behalf before their registration will be granted. A process agent ensures the FMCSA and injured parties can serve legal papers to motor carriers, brokers, or freight forwarders in any state where the registered entities operate. The BOC-3 form must include all states for which process agent designations are required. FMCSA will deactivate USDOT numbers for companies that fail to designate a process agent (there is a grace period for currently registered businesses, with enforcement deferred until **December 31, 2016**).
- **A new fee schedule** will be implemented on **September 30, 2016**.